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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Chairman William Kennard
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard,

I would like to address the subject of LPFM stations and the commissions efforts to proceed with this new action that would enable a multitude of stations to be added to an already crowded and sometimes chaotic spectrum. I feel as though you and your supporters are possibly misguided in your ambitions to provide low power FM stations to minorities and persons otherwise unable to obtain a full power station license. Being a woman in this industry, I am a minority, and never have I felt that I was not offered or allowed the same opportunities as my male counterparts. If this action passes, there will be interference on all existing local radio frequencies. Frequencies and stations that we have worked hard to build and maintain a stable accounting-advertising base. Brewton, Alabama is a small market of approximately 17,000, already supporting 2 full power radio stations. Another commercial station in this area, would not be able to survive, and possibly hurt these family owned stations that have served this community diligently through many years. WEBJ Radio was the first radio station in this county, and has been a consistent source for the people since 1947. I do not want to jeopardize the integrity of the industry or my profession by allowing the commission to proceed with your well-meaning, but potentially volatile ruling.

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Commissioner, I ask that you help us provide the people with professional, well informed and trained, stable radio stations. Radio stations that know the industry, and the needs of our communities. Not fly by night, or ill prepared persons, experimenting in a field that many rely and depend on.

Thank You for your consideration in this very important issue.

Sincerely,



Candy Cashman- Smith

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